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- (U) Sensitive but unclassified please protect accordingly.
- 11. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.
- 12. (U) During the April 1-7, 2009, no security official was killed but three were injured by IEDs, one on April 3 in Lice, Diyarbakir Province, and two on April 5 in Sirnak Province. The total number of security force casualties for the year through April 7, was zero killed and three injured.
- 13. (U) During the same period, one PKK terrorist was killed in a clash on April 5, in Semdinli, Hakkari Province and one was captured in Sanliurfa on April 3. Six PKKers surrendered in Silopi, Sirnak Province on April 5. According to official TGS website figures, through the first week of April, the number of PKK militants killed this year was two, the number of those captured was 14, and the number of those who surrendered was 30.
- 14. (U) During the reporting period no civilian died or injured. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the first week of April, was zero killed and five wounded.

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